IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

| Cerveceria Modelo, S.A. de C.V., | | |
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| | Opposer, |) |
| | |) Opposition No. 91157504 |
| vs. | |) |
| | |) Serial No. 78/172,568 |
| Banfi Products Corporation | |) |
| | Applicant. | |
| | |) |

APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Applicant, Banfi Products Corporation, by its attorneys, Nixon Peabody LLP, hereby answers the allegations set forth in the Notice of Opposition as follows:

- 1. Banfi has insufficient knowledge or information as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 1 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies said allegations.
- 2. Banfi has insufficient knowledge or information as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 2 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies said allegations.
- 3. Banfi has insufficient knowledge or information as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 3 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies said allegations.
- 4. Banfi has insufficient knowledge or information as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 4 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies said allegations.
- 5. Banfi has insufficient knowledge or information as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 5 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies said allegations.
- 6. Banfi states that the last sentence in Paragraph 6 of the Notice of Opposition consists of a conclusion of law as to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a

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responsive pleading is required, Applicant has insufficient knowledge or information as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 6 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies said allegations.

- 7. Banfi admits the allegations of Paragraph 7 of the Notice of Opposition.
- 8. Banfi has insufficient knowledge or information as to the truth of Opposer's "beliefs" as stated in Paragraph 8 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies said allegations. To the extent Opposer's "beliefs" are intended to constitute allegations of fact, Banfi denies the allegations of Paragraph 8 of the Notice of Opposition.
- 9. Banfi has insufficient knowledge or information as to the truth of Opposer's "beliefs" as stated in Paragraph 9 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies said allegations. To the extent Opposer's "beliefs" are intended to constitute allegations of fact, Banfi denies the allegations of Paragraph 9 of the Notice of Opposition.
- 10. Applicant has insufficient knowledge or information as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 10 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies said allegations.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of Banfi Products Corporation, we enclose for filing Applicant's Answer to Notice of Opposition.

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